

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

JENNELL BLACK, *et al.*,

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

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No. 1:20-cv-03644-CCB

RUSSELL ALEXANDER, *et al.*,

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Defendants.

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs, Jennell Black, individually and as personal representative of the estate of Anton Black, Antone Black, individually and as personal representative of the estate of Anton Black, Katyra Boyce, as mother and next friend of W.B. (collectively, the “Family Plaintiffs”), and the Coalition for Justice for Anton Black (the “Coalition”), and defendants, the state of Maryland, Dr. John D. Stash, in his official capacity as the interim chief medical examiner, and Dr. Russell Alexander in his official capacity (collectively, the “State Defendants”), and Dr. Russell Alexander, in his individual capacity, and Dr. David Fowler, in his individual capacity (collectively, the “Individual Defendants”), submit this joint status report as requested by the Court on August 3, 2023.

1. The Parties have reached a settlement-in-principle in this matter.
2. The Parties have exchanged comments on a draft settlement agreement.
3. The Settlement is contingent on approval by the Maryland Board of Public Works (“BPW”). The Parties anticipate presenting the settlement to be considered at the earliest available BPW meeting following execution of the settlement agreement.

4. The Parties will report back on the BPW's consideration of the settlement following its meeting, and will advise, if necessary, as to any additional steps.

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